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COMMERCIAL CLUB DINNER

Important Subjects of Local Interest to Be Discussed.

Mexico Commercial Club Dinner, Thursday evening, at Ringo Hotel, 8 o'clock p. m.

Program

Toastmaster, Clarence A. Barnes.

Invocation, Rev. W. A. Shulenberg.

The State and the University, Dr. A. Ross Hill, Columbia.

Electric Railways, Marshall Rust, Kansas City.

Mexico's Best Asset, A. P. Green.

Co-operation, Jackson Johnson, St. Louis.

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The City and Co-operation, Hon. J. W. Dry.

Business Sense in Government Methods, Paul E. Brown, St. Louis.

Dinner

Menu

Oyster Cocktail
Celery
Turkey
Chicken Salad
Potato Peas
Ice Cream
Coffee
Cheese
Cigars

HIGH HILL DISTRICT

Mrs. Music's sale was well attended and everything sold at a fairly good price.

Mrs. James Barker of Marshall attended the sale of her mother, Mrs. Music. Mrs. Barker returned home Thursday of the same week.

Sarah and Elsie Sims visited at B. F. Pulis' Sunday a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shock are boarding the teacher, Miss Mable Kilgore, since Mrs. Music moved. Our school will close in one more week and a half. We all will be sorry for Miss Mable to leave us, we all think so much of her. She has taught a good school. We wish her success wherever she teaches.

B. F. Pulis and wife visited at Lee Miller's last Friday. Mrs. Miller is on the sick list since she moved. She overworked herself.

Mrs. L. L. Spencer visited Mrs. Freeman last Thursday.

They have a new drinking fountain at Gant school. The Gant school is preparing for a big entertainment the last of school.

B. F. Pulis and J. O. Sims have their telephone line done into Gant and are talking thru.

Earl Denham has rented the Greer farm and has moved.

Willie Edwards and wife visited at his father's Sunday.

Lee Mayes and wife have been out here papering at their home the past week.

Elmer Shock and family and the teacher visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Miller Sunday week.

Sad to hear of the death of Porter Tinsley, our old friend and neighbor. He lived in Thompson a long time and later of Mexico. We truly sympathize with the family in this sad hour of bereavement.

Ben Pulis and wife visited their son in Centralia Tuesday, W. D. Pulis.

John Maxwell of Haines, Oregon, Ruby Elliott of Roschport, Mo., and Miss Ethel Brown of Centralia, are here visiting J. C. Sims, Orris Sims and all the Sims family.

Mrs. James Daniels visited her daughter, Mrs. Lee Miller from Tuesday until Thursday, the past week.

Some Views and Interviews

M. L. Travis: Good times are coming, boys. Lay the wires and get ready for it. The mouth and foot disease, the war in Europe, crop failures, etcetera, all this and other thing have made it discouraging for some time but there is always a silver lining to the cloud.

John S. McCune: Mr. Message, which is the highest above sea level, Bowling Green, Laddonia, or Mexico? Laddonia and Mexico, you say? Your guess is wrong. Bowling Green is 76 feet higher than Mexico. Why, Thompson is 38 feet higher than Mexico. Centralia is 84 feet higher than Mexico. I've asked you a question that will get most of the Audran teachers.

G. W. Elzea: Yes, my initials are for George Washington. I was named after a big fellow you see. George was a mischievous chap when he was young, they say, but I try to be at least as honest and truthful as they say he was.

A. L. Lipp: I don't like some of the school books they use nowadays. I'm not prejudiced, but do you think they ever made a better school book than old Ray's Second Part Arithmetic? Then some of our old readers - full of the best gems literature furnishes - of the best lessons for mind and heart. The school pupils of 30 or 40 years ago could beat the school youngsters in these days in spelling, too.

Rev. A. E. Burch: I am not conducting a church campaign in Mexico, but a campaign for the elevation of the moral standard of the community.

J. S. Hodge: I was in the marine service in the Philippines for over two years. I noticed accounts of the uprisings in Manila and vicinity in December and the threatened trouble recently. You may expect that Uncle Sam is too good generally to those people and they don't appreciate it.

THE INVISIBLE CHURCH

We hear much said at present about uniting God's people.

The next day after Bro. Burch's Union meeting in Laddonia a lady called a friend by phone and said: "Our big union meeting closed last night. They had all the converts, 131, to stand in a circle. Tonight there will be a meeting at each of the churches and they will separate the converts."

Would it be possible, if each of those converts were truly born into God's family or into the invisible church, to separate them, even though they placed their membership in 131 different visible churches? Or would they be united by all placing membership in one church, if they backed the new birth? God's people are indeed united. This fact is made manifest where-ere they be. Instead of finding quarreling, turmoil and contention, the very atmosphere is filled and permeated with a spirit of love, goodwill, and righteousness. Yea! not only are God's people truly united, but they are inseparable, and it is impossible to keep them out of the real church of the lowly Nazarine.

Rush Hill, Mo. N.

L. L. Spencer and family and Elmer Shock and family visited at B. F. Pulis' Sunday.

Zach Bondurant, south of Vandalia, was here Thursday to attend the funeral of Uncle Reuben Porter Tinsley, whose death the Message reported last week.

THE COUNTRY SCHOOLS

A Visit in Saling Township—Attendance Losing

W. Clyde Johnson:—I spent last week in Saling township, where they have good schools and good roads. Monday afternoon they began dragging and by Friday noon when I left, nearly all had been dragged and were in good shape. There has been a great change in the size of the schools. Some have lost almost half. Burnham and Friendship have held their own and have full attendance.

Monday morning I was at Strother. They have a pretty site, a pleasant school home, equipped with a heater and are on the approved list. Miss Nadine Sievers is the teacher. She is a graduate of the Centralia High School and Teacher Training Class. She is doing good work. A. C. Brockman and M. E. Munson were also present.

Excelsior also has a heater and is an approved school. The patrons of Excelsior take great pride in their school and have greatly improved it during the year. It has been painted inside and out, a new outbuilding erected and all of them painted and lastly they undertook some grading. This has already made a great improvement, although they are not yet thru. Miss Mary Harshbarger is a fine teacher and has worked hard to get these improvements and to advance her pupils. She has succeeded well.

Tuesday morning I was at Friendship. W. A. Johnson, the clerk, brought his wife and lunch for three and they stayed all day. Theirs is an interest that makes itself felt and is so much needed for the encouragement of the teachers and their pupils. They have just put in a new heater and are about ready for approval. Miss Bettie Harshbarger is a good teacher and is accomplishing great things.

In the afternoon I was at Sames. Here they have some good workers on the board and they are doing all they can to improve their equipment. They have a new pump, have made a new concrete well top, and with the proceeds of a pie supper, bought a large dictionary. Miss Ruby Bradley, just out of the Clark high school, is doing good work. W. E. Bradley, the clerk, and Ben Burkey, the president, were also visitors.

At Pine Thursday morning, J. C. Terrey, the clerk, and Dan Hartley and myself were visitors. They have repaired the house. They expect to vote money in the spring for further repairs. Miss Emma McAfee, another Centralia Teacher Training graduate, is the teacher. All the board was present to visit Mt. Pisgah. They have bought a new stove, and have spent \$15 for library books. In two years they have built up a fine little library. Miss Stauterman has about 30 pupils, enough to make the work interesting. The board is composed of R. L. Barnes, clerk; P. M. Owings, B. B. Littrell, and John Spellman.

Thursday morning was spent at Canada. They have a jacket (Continued on page 8).

FROM LADDONIA

Bud Baker's House—Mrs. Beshears' Illness—Personals

Laddonia, Mo., Feb. 15.—A representative of the Message was in town Saturday and among his auld lang syne friends he shook hands with the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Quaintance and interesting little son, John; Jas. A. Montague; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gregory, just departing for their home in Canada; J. R. Hodge, Leander Moore, Field Akridge, Jas. W. Coons, Dr. McCall, John Braden, James Lewellen, L. H. Bell, C. A. Wilder, John Stotler, James Lynch, D. C. Hatton, G. W. Hampton, Judge J. J. Alexander, W. U. Coil, Editor Mayhall of the Herald, Postmaster P. P. Hummel and others.

Mrs. J. J. Hickman and small son, Roy, of Mexico, visited Mrs. Hickman's sister here over Sunday, Mrs. P. H. Derrick.

T. M. Wright and Bud Hughes of Mexico are building a fine six-room dwelling house for the Elzea heirs on the Elzea 220 acre farm, southeast of Laddonia. Mrs. Bob Painter of Mexico is one of the heirs.

Jim Lynch says that August Ahlfeldt, down at Stuttgart, Ark., a former Laddonian, raised 8,000 bushels of rice last season which he sold at \$1.00 per bushel. August is prospering in this world's goods.

Miss Myrtle Cox of Noblesville, Ind., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ida M. Hagerman.

Reports have it that Miss Watson is teaching a fine school in the Hickory Grove district. She has a special program one night each week. At the last entertainment Miss Pearl Parker, who also is a teacher, the daughter of Mr. Timothy Parker, made a fine speech on the co-operation of parents and teachers in the training of children. Miss Pearl is a very bright young woman.

Bud Baker has one of the nicest new dwelling houses in town. But he has no wife to put in it. Poor Bud.

Mrs. F. M. Beshears, who is the daughter of ex-Mayor Leander Moore, underwent a very severe surgical operation recently for a throat trouble. Mrs. Beshears came near choking to death.

W. W. Braden sold 100 bushels of corn a few days ago to Ben Watson at 80c a bushel at the crib.

The public school is progressing nicely along all lines of its work. Laddonia boasts of one of the best schools in the State.

Our citizens discuss the European war every day. Chris Marburg says "both factions claim to have Gott on their side." But God seems to be willing to let 'em fight it out—no interposition as yet.

Laddonia people are glad Mexico has secured Rev. A. E. Burch for a revival meeting. Burch is all right. We know him. He was reared in this neighborhood. If the good people of Mexico will rally to his assistance he will do the town and community good.

INSURANCE REVENUE

The County Court has apportioned the foreign insurance tax revenue to the several towns of the county as follows:

Mexico, \$669.46; Vandalia, \$133.98; Martinsburg, \$71.40; Laddonia, \$50.66; Farber, \$35.70; Rush Hill, \$23.80; Benton City, \$15.30.

Winford Dalby is ill; is suffering greatly.

Notes and Comment

E. O. Morris has bought a half interest in the Model Bakery. E. O. is a hustler. He'll help the firm make good all right.

We understand that Rev. J. L. Watson has resigned as pastor of the Laddonia Baptist church. He was called for two Sundays to preach for the Christian church at Laddonia. The Baptist brethren made some protest, now follows Bro. Watson's resignation.

We reminded you recently that the dictionary did not know the word "jitney". The jitney bus in the past few weeks has become a very present help twice a day to erstwhile strap hangers in a number of the large cities. Hurry up, folks, let's complete that electric line from Mexico to Santa Fe. If we had a permanent good wagon road from here to Santa Fe the jitneys would have been in it before this.

I notice that the Germans are organizing in this country millions strong. Just what for it is not plain to see, tho it is claimed it is for "genuine American neutrality." Now some Americans, on the other hand, are blunt enough to say that the move bears a close resemblance to treason; that it is merely a movement to involve Uncle Sam with England; a movement to serve the interests of Germany only. Others claim it is to work political embarrassment of the present administration at Washington; an effort to coerce by political boycott. The organization proposes to make itself felt in the next Presidential election. Well, now boys, you better call a halt. We do not see where you may expect it to win any American sympathy for Hoch de Kaiser.

Evangelist A. E. Burch says the churches in Mexico do not need any new members. What really is needed is better articles of Christianity out of the professions we already have. Hear, hear, isn't that putting it about right?

Aunt Sue Hutcherson, formerly proprietress of the Blue Front restaurant, down on the border of Flat Rock, got a heavy fine in Judge Hooton's Court one day last week and the old girl was warned to leave town never to return. The old haunts are going. The frequenters of the dives, whites and blacks, male and female, must get to honest toil.

POWELL FORD

Another cold wave Sunday to remind us that spring is not here yet.

Miss Lucy Lewis, the teacher of Carter school and her pupils, are selling garden seed.

Milford Berry sold 50 bushels of wheat last Friday to Wm. Pollock for \$1.48 per bushel.

Miss Lena Hampton of this vicinity spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hamilton, west of Mexico.

Mrs. Milford Berry has two hens sitting and Miss Lena Hamilton will have her incubators running this week. So we may expect fried chicken quite early in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Wm. Mason was the guest of relatives part of last week in Mexico.

A Sunday school efficiency meeting was held in Mexico last Tuesday. C. M. Fox and Dr. H. E. Tralle, of the County S. S. Association, were in the conference as was also Herman Bowman of St. Louis, secretary of the State S. S. Association.

"DRY" AND "SMOKELESS"

Missourians at Washington City Defer to Women

The Mexico Commercial Club banquet tonight ought to be smokeless. Let's quit untimely habits and keep up with the procession for progress and better ways. They've set us the example down at Washington City. Have you noted the following dispatch from the National capital:

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—The important part Missourians are taking in official Washington was demonstrated last night at the fifth annual banquet of the Missouri Society here. The affair was both dry and smokeless. Cigars were barred in deference to the many women present. This is a new departure in Washington.

Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson and Congressman S. F. Prouty of Iowa were the guests of honor.

Others at the speakers' table were Champ Clark, Speaker of the House, and Mrs. Clark; former Gov. Dockery, Third Assistant Postmaster General; former Senator Francis M. Cockrell, Congressman J. J. Russell and Mrs. Russell, and Dr. S. S. Law, former president of the University of Missouri.

In their speeches Speaker Clark and former Senator Cockrell, both expressed the conviction that the European war would result in world disarmament.

Mr. Cockrell, who gained fame as a Brigade Commander in the Confederate Army, characterized the present conflict as a "slaughter by machinery" and devoid of all the chivalry that marked the great contest between the States. He said he believed the struggle would result, however, in good to the world, the abandonment of arms as a means of settling controversies and the peaceful adjustment of all questions, national and international.

Speaker Clark announced that he was in favor of directing the President, as soon as the European war closed, to request all nations of the world to disarm by percentages. He said he did not believe any nation would disarm unless others did and that the best way was to have them strip themselves of fighting material under an international agreement.

Daniel Rickman, 85 years old, never married, died at his home near Ortiz, south of Mexico, last Thursday morning. His affliction was paralysis. He had lived in that neighborhood about 40 years. Gentle and kind and courteous, he was well liked by everybody. The funeral was held at Union Chapel Friday afternoon at one o'clock.

Twenty-five young men of McMillan High School have signed up as members of a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association. Charles Wright is president; Sam Locke, secretary and Archie Rodgers, treasurer.

G. H. Randle has bought back into the second-hand furniture business again, buying from his former partner, James R. Fegan.

Mrs. J. W. Million of Mexico made a speech before the Legislature in Jefferson City last week favoring equal suffrage.

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W. W. FRY, President.
SAM LOCKE, Cashier.